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DEVELOP NEW TREATMENT FOR TROPHIC ULCERS

During the past few years Ye. I. Chernyuk and his group have been busy at the Neurological Department, Central Institute of Health Resorts, studying the clinical aspects, pathogenesis, and health-resort treatment of trophic ulcers caused by damage to the sciatic nerve. It was determined that as a result of the trauma, the nervous, vascular, and metabolic processes not only in the immediate vicinity of the ulcerous processes but also in regions distant from the ulcer nidus are disrupted. In other words, rather than considering an ulcer merely as a local phenomenon one must take into consideration the fact that the whole nervous system may become affected.

The occurrence of tissue dystrophy due to trauma of the peripheral nervous system will contribute to trauma of the vacuoles, bone tissue, prolonged suppurative processes, and malignant processes in various muscular tissues. This combination of processes intensifies the dystrophic processes. The Institute of Health Resorts has developed a complex treatment for this ailment, which involves mud baths, localized sulfur-water baths, massages, and therapeutic exercise. This combination of treatments regenerates the nervous system, neutralizes the metabolic mechanisms, and decreases the effects of pathogenic nidi.

These therapeutic methods were developed after comprehensive and exhaustive research on more than 100 cases with damaged sciatic nerves complicated by trophic ulcers.

This new therapeutic method was discussed at a recent meeting at the Institute of General and Experimental Pathology, Academy of Medical Sciences USSR, and was endorsed wholeheartedly.

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